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Various Estimates
Of The Late Mrs. Eddy

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 5.—The Rev. Dr. Russell H. Conwell, of the Baptist Temple, who has known Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy for nearly 30 years, and who as her attorney for several years had ample opportunity to study this remarkable woman, spoke of his relations with the Christian Science leader to a reporter of the Public Ledger last night.

"Mrs. Eddy was living in Lynn while I was practicing law in Boston, and she frequently came to my office for advice," said Doctor Conwell. "Her Christian Science movement was in its infancy then. She was a modest New England woman, but was possessed with a preternaturally acute mind. She had a marvelous power of reading other people's thoughts."

"Doctor Eddy was her second husband, and I had business relations with him. It was apparent, however, that Mrs. Eddy was the head of the house, not in an offensive way, but by virtue of her splendid mental equipment. Her husband never signed a deed or transacted any important business with first obtaining his wife's sanction."

"Mrs. Eddy and I had many arguments concerning her theories, and in some cases I agreed with her, while in others I did not. I read the proofs of her first book and was in close touch with her work at that period. She was not at all mercenary, as has been suggested, but believed so thoroughly in her theories that she was willing to sacrifice everything she owned for the cause. She had a great thought that many of us have had for years, but she emphasized it and reaped the advantage of the leadership it brought her. Personally, I believe that her life has been of great use to the Christian Churches because she brought to their attention the value of that faith which Christianity teaches men to have, but which is too often overlooked."

"Mrs. Eddy accounts for all illness as a thing that originates in the mind, and her teaching was that illness could be avoided if the mind repelled the idea of such a thing at its inception. Many of our modern scientists in their researches testify to the accuracy of her conception of the power of mind over matter. She thought that men and women, by observing the proper rules of health, should live to three-score and ten or four score and ten and die painlessly as the leaf fades at the approach of winter."

"Unfortunately Mrs. Eddy allowed her imagination to carry her away on strange flights of fancy, and it was one of those eccentricities which brought to an end my business relations with her. When Dr. Eddy died Mrs. Eddy became convinced that his death was due, not to natural causes, but to a vicious mental telepathic force directed at him by one of his former students. In short, she accused this student, who, by the way, was in New York at the time of murdering her husband by mental telepathy, and she wanted me, as her lawyer, to take the case into court. I refused to be a party to any such nonsensical transaction, and tried to dissuade her, but in vain. She obtained the services of another lawyer, and actually brought proceedings against the student in New York. Of course, the Judge threw the case out of court."

"My friendship with Mrs. Eddy remained unbroken, and I have fre-

quently corresponded with her. I last heard from her about a year ago."

"Impostor," Says Dr. Roberts. "One of the greatest impostors of the century," is the Rev. Dr. William Henry Roberts' estimate of Mrs. Eddy. Doctor Roberts is the stated clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and a leader in the great Church Federation movement.

When asked for an opinion of Mrs. Eddy and her work, Doctor Roberts said:

"Whatever success she may have had was obtained by appealing to that faith which is one of the most valuable assets of mankind. By this I mean faith both in God and in man. She took this asset and turned it into a means of pecuniary profit and personal aggrandizement."

"Mrs. Eddy had great ability as an organizer, and she is to be classed with the leading impostors of the 19th and 20th centuries."

Her Theology Puerile.

The Rev. Dr. George H. Bickley, a district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, declared last night that Mrs. Eddy's Biblical interpretations were "puerile" and some of her teachings "un-Christian." He said:

"Mrs. Eddy was a remarkable woman who has had a unique career. It was unique in that, although she failed in her various experiments with mental and magnetic healing, yet when over 60 years of age she was able to adapt the teachings of Quimby and send them forth as an original revelation. It was remarkable in the financial success she achieved and in the number who implicitly followed her teaching, notwithstanding her frequent failures."

"Her teaching of healing by mental suggestion will probably have a permanent influence on medical practice. Her theology is illogical and superficial; her Biblical interpretation is frequently puerile and her teaching concerning sin and the Atonement is un-Christian."

News of the death of Mrs. Eddy spread through the congregation of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, at 40th and Walnut Streets, at the close of their morning service, and for a time the members were loath to believe that their leader was dead. On several previous occasions rumors of Mrs. Eddy's death proved to be unfounded, and some of the members were inclined to think that the latest report had not better foundation.

When convinced that the news was correct, and that Christian Scientists in Boston were mourning the loss of their leader, the congregation was profoundly affected.

Ethelbert Nimelton, first reader of the church, corrected a reporter who spoke of Mrs. Eddy as being dead.

"She has merely passed on," said Mrs. Nimelton, "but the spirit of the great truth that she taught will ever live. The same truth that cured me when I was sick six years ago, and restored me to bodily health, will be with us always. The passing of Mrs. Eddy will in no way affect the Christian Science Church. That church is founded on the rock of truth, not on the rock of Mrs. Eddy."

H. W. Nelson, president of the organization, and John F. Braun, former reader, expressed their regret at the death of the leader. It was announced that a special meeting will be held to adopt resolutions upon Mrs. Eddy's death.

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WANT BIG COAL
SUPPLY AT
PEARL HARBOR

WASHINGTON, December 23.—Secretary of the Navy Meyer appeared before the naval committee of the house yesterday to urge upon that committee a favorable consideration of his plan to establish a great reserve coal depot at Pearl Harbor, Oahu.

The secretary pointed out the necessity of having a reserve supply of coal somewhere on the Pacific, the difficulty of transporting this necessity being great in time of peace on account of the inadequacy of the American merchant marine to furnish a sufficient number of colliers, making the transportation of the fuel in foreign bottoms practically obligatory. In time of war, however, he pointed out, the use of foreign colliers would be impossible.

The logical place for a reserve coal depot, he declared, is at Pearl Harbor, where the naval department is preparing to have the greatest naval station of all.

To begin the work of storing coal in Hawaii for naval purposes, the secretary asked the committee to vote an appropriation for a coaling station where one hundred thousand tons could be stored.

Seattle Firm Lowest Bidder.

Bids were opened at the navy department here yesterday for the contract of supplying the calisson for the Pearl Harbor drydock, now well under way in construction. The lowest bidder was the Moran Company of Seattle, which submitted a figure of one hundred and ten thousand dollars.

DR. COOK MAY

LECTURE SOME MORE

NEW YORK, December 23.—Doctor Cook, whose claim that he had discovered the North Pole startled the world no more than his recent impudent assertion that possibly he may have been mistaken, arrived here yesterday from London, where he has been living in hiding for the past several months.

Interviewed upon landing, the exposed faker declared that he had returned to America for the purpose of regaining the good will of his fellow countrymen.

He has prepared a number of magazine articles on his hallucination, as he now terms it, regarding his polar discoveries, and it is probable that he will attempt to deliver a number of lectures.

PROMINENT MEN
FIGHT IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The most sensational duel Paris has seen for many a month was fought Thursday in the very shadow of the Ferris wheel. Many persons witnessed the affair, and several photographers took pictures of the combatants.

The principals were George Despardes, the historian, and Ernest Gegout, a writer. Rouseir Dorcleres was director of the meeting. He has so acted in more than 100 duels. The men fought with swords. When Dorcleres placed them in the field he warned Gegout, who, like Despardes, is married:

"Be calm; remember Despardes is the father of five children."

They attacked violently, but with so little skill that one of the blades wounded Dorcleres, though not seriously. Often the duellists were breast to breast. Twice Dorcleres halted the encounter to make certain that neither was hurt, but each time the sword point had perforated only a garment.

Once Gegout was scratched, but he insisted on continuing. The swords flashed about the heads, breasts, arms and legs of both. The spectators wondered that one was not killed, but none would foretell which it was most likely to be.

Finally Despardes was wounded in the shoulder. He wished to continue the combat, but the surgeon would not allow it. Gegout pushed through the crowd around the wounded man and held out his hand, as if to an old friend after an absence, saying: "I am glad to see you again; give me your hand."

"All right, old chap; how goes it with you?" Despardes replied in the same familiar fashion.

They shook hands and were perfectly reconciled.

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